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National Freedom of Information Act Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear National Freedom of Information Act Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the undersigned respectfully requests the prompt release of the information specified below related to Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., located at 1101 Embarcadero West, Oakland, California (Schnitzer):

- a. All documents, records, and communications pertaining to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9's (EPA) Finding and Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to Schnitzer on January 27, 2020 for violations of the Clean Air Act and federally enforceable portions of the California State Implementation Plan;
- b. All communications between EPA and Schnitzer regarding the NOV and/or the CAA violations alleged in the NOV;
- c. All documents, records, and communications pertaining to EPA site visits and/or inspections of the Schnitzer facility, including results of any tests;
- d. All other documents, records, and communications pertaining to Schnitzer since 2016.

Record Delivery: We would appreciate receiving the above information as soon as possible, but no later than 20 business days from the receipt of this request as required by 5 U.S.C. § 555(a)(6)(A). If the agency determines that it cannot satisfy this FOIA request within the required 20 business days, please set forth in detail what "unusual circumstances" exist for the delay, and please specify the earliest practicable date for responding to this FOIA request. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). We ask that you please produce the requested documents as soon as practicable and, if necessary, in a piecemeal fashion.

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Records Claimed as Exempt: Should EPA respond by invoking a FOIA exemption with respect to any of the records requested herein, please include in your response: 1) basic factual information about the withheld item, including author/originator, date created/revised, length, general subject matter, and location; and 2) explanation(s) and justification(s) for withholding the record, including identification of the claimed exemption and a full explanation of the applicability of the claimed exemption to the requested record. Where only a portion of the record is exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portion, provide the information requested above regarding the exempt material, and provide the remainder of the record. If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information.

Fees: This request is being made on behalf of a commercial requester. We do not wish to inspect the documents first. We agree to pay reasonable search and reproduction costs up to \$3,000.00, relating to the release of this information. If it appears that the breadth of responsive documents will approach or exceed the \$3,000.00 limit on reproduction expenses, please contact the undersigned to discuss additional narrowing factors.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this request, please contact us by phone or email. Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katherine Sochacki

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